

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Designate Luther Strange, of Alabama, was administered the oath of office by the President pro tempore.

Senate confirmed the nomination of Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S975–S1071

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 347–350, and S. Res. 57. **Page S1070**

Measures Passed:

Majority Party's Membership on Certain Committees: Senate agreed to S. Res. 57, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Fifteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S1071**

Swearing-in of Senator Strange: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-Designate Luther Strange, of the State of Alabama, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law. **Page S999**

Mnuchin Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury. **Page S1068**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 62), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1068**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 10, 2017, post-cloture; and that all time during Morning Business, recess, or adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on the nomination. **Page S1071**

Shulkin and McMahon Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII,

following Leader remarks on Monday, February 13, 2017, there be up to 7 hours of debate remaining on nomination of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury, and that following the disposition of the nomination, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of David J. Shulkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and that there be 10 mins of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order; that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Linda E. McMahon, of Connecticut, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration; and that the time until 11 a.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S1068**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 61), Thomas Price, of Georgia, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Pages S976–99, S999–S1068**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1071**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S1071**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—62) **Page S1067–68**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017 and adjourned at 2:31 a.m. on Friday, February 10, 2017, until 9:30 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1071.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General John W. Nicholson, Jr., USA, Commander, Resolute Support, Commander, United States Forces—Afghanistan, Department of Defense.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States, the Russian Federation, and the challenges ahead, after receiving testimony from General Philip M. Breedlove, USAF (Ret.), Atlantic Council, and Julianne Smith, Center for a New American Security Strategy and Statecraft Program, both of Washington, D.C.

EMPOWERING MANAGERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine empowering managers, focusing on ideas for a more effective Federal workforce, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Corsi, Jr., USAF (Ret.), former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Manpower, Personnel and Services, Burke, Virginia; Renee M. Johnson, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Bill Valdez, Senior Executives Association, and J. David Cox, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 178, to prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 985–1000; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 70; and H. Res. 111–113, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thomas J. Rooney (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. William Gurnee, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Washington, DC.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representative Smith (NJ), Co-

Chairman; Representatives Pittenger, Franks (AZ), and Hultgren.

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British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Cole.

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Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission: Representatives MacArthur and Love.

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House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representatives Buchanan, Fortenberry, Conaway, Walorski, Smith (NE), Knight, Rice (SC), Womack, Woodall, and Flores.

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Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the

Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Huizenga, Chairman; Representatives Young (AK), Poliquin, and Cramer.

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Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative McCaul, Chairman; Representative Duffy, Vice-Chairman; Representatives Hurd and Pearce.

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John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Representative Comstock.

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National Historical Publications and Records Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission: Representative Meadows.

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Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: Ms. Mary Bono, Washington, DC.

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Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representatives Murphy (PA) and DeSantis.

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United States Holocaust Memorial Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Representatives Ros-Lehtinen, Zeldin, and Kustoff (TN).

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President's Export Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the President's Export Council: Representatives Tiberi, Kelly (PA), and Reichert.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H1090.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, February 10

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, February 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Steven T. Mnuchin, of California, to be Secretary of the Treasury, post-cloture.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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